Rough Field Notes - Misc

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Remind Smith

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Indians pulled out sticks they were covered with snakes. The branches of the trees look like snakes, so do the roots. The Indians tried to run but were covered with snakes. They kept running all day, and at dark managed to escape the snakes. Joshua's mother has seen the trees; she went up side of hill, all sorts of carvings on rocks, and are grooved out, by big snake. The place smells from a fox of snake. The path is called the hand of the mountain, rocks on the path, and further on the lake

Above everything there is a huge house with many rooms. ~~Use eth—~~, lived in this house, which was divided off into small rooms, in each of which a different language was spoken. ~~On~~ All along the walls were hanging as coats, eagle, raven, whales, and whatever man wanted to be when he came down to earth, he took such coat. On arrival on earth the coats were taken off and went up to the house again. Each man went to different place on earth. There is story to each cloak.

Raven story ———

Raven man lit at one place — but raven men lived in all villages. No local exog.

sü qwaut' = slung figures

a' t à t hwo l a = man going to get a good dinner & falling en route

Somebody asks a' lathwola, where you go? He says I go home to get dinner at ~~Bella~~ Inlet, a— slips. wa' nok you suppose you slip

o stàm mux, a' t à t hwo l a,

o says il' ax hai' o' lu' wanu q l a repeat

aq' q' zu' t' ka nulzal henaux

alta' wànuk' ta. He slipped

This is archaic Bella Coola.

Joshua has 3 businesses, 2 by inheritance & 1 by gift from Bella Bella man.

Learn 5, job 12 berries.

3 Flyn man, Bella Coola, Port Rupert, ~~to~~ Kit-batla. Potlas & change of name Potlas many wives

License to commit murder, ~~no~~ baptism. A ~~Tsa~~ ~~Tsoo~~ tsoo-tsoll law suit.

String over LH t. & i. f., RH t.

Take up LH dorsal t. & i. f. from prox. side & string with RH i f

Insert m, 2, & l fs of each hand into i f loop, & hook down radial i string.

Pass m f. of each hand to prox. side of ulnar t. str, & bending inf. skywards take up this string on their backs.

Pass m fs, presumably, to ulnar side of ulnar i f s, & hook these strings down with hooks of m fs, allowing original string to slip off. The string formerly held down with hooks of m, 2, & l fs, is now held by 2 & l fs.

Release i fs.

with fs are held down by a loop near m f. With i fs take up 2 fs presumably between loops & centre of fingers. With i fs take up radial t ss with distal side & return, allowing original string to slip off i fs.

Release m, 2 & l fs of each hand, & gently extend, with backs of hands towards operator.

⊕ = Take up with mouth straight i f str in centre of fingers

Transfer RH i f loop to hook of RH i f, without twisting loop.

(Bring t s tip to tip & transfer RH t loop to LH t)

With RH m f. hook down string which runs from ulnar to LH i f between mouth & strings crossing strings. Release

Insert RH 2 if from prox side into LH 2 if loop, & ~~transfer this to hook of RH 2. f.~~ hook down 2 i sts, missing LH if.

Insert LH i if into LH 6 loops from prox side & transfer loops to ~~LH if.~~ hook of i if.

Insert LH m, 2, & ll fings into this loop, and gently extend loop & whole figure.

This shows a toad in crouching position ready to jump, release RH i & 2 fings, & with a swinging motion of LH the toad can be made to jump over LH thumb.

When a man dies food which he has prepared, personal blankets, pots, & other things which he has used continually are buried. A rifle or other valued possession may be given as a favour to a personal friend, but this is the exception this. A canoe must be hung a corpse back is always destroyed, but if borrowed is later on replaced by kin of deceased. When a Fijian man dies his corpse clothed with blankets is placed in end of hut, & with ceremonial yells & rounds of. A hole is cut in the roof, mats on roof stamped & ashes of fashire. & wooden hooked rafters mats climbs down with corpse hooks & fetches up body above. Fashire has seen fast body used on 4 occasions. Yet we have fabrications others do not.

Good days for hunting

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Before hunting For Grandfather of hunter tells him to hunt. Hunter exhibits for one night, then chants for 4 nights when hunting other animals.

In old days logs were worth

① taking it left hand outside right [illegible] gills, ~~it~~ R H in tails. Reverse for other side of [illegible], man always with back to bank, turning around so that it's head is always to east.

② telling salmon to take bait in mouth

③ Any spring salmon

All business

Pony boy's business

l'ə̀paxoɬtaix̌ ② qaq̓amix̌ boy says as he throws piece of cedar bark on each. Piece of soft cedar bark is dyed in alternate layers of red & white.